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STD ISD PREPAID CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether VSNL has recently launched any STD/ISD prepaid cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the denominations and countries available on such cards alongwith tariff?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) VSNL has launched Calling Cards under the following two brands:

INDIA-ON-CALL, which is an Inbound Card, and can be currently used to call India from USA, UK and Gulf (UAE and Bahrain) # HELLO DUNIYA, which is an Outbound Card, can be currently used to make ISD calls from Tata Indicom mobiles, land-lines and fixed-wireless telephones. The card can also be currently used to make STD calls between the metro cities of New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Chennai.

(c) US-India card is available in denomination of Rs. 540, Rs. 1080 and Rs. 2700; UK-India card is available in denomination of Rs. 540, whereas Gulf-India card is offered in denomination of Rs. 1080. In respect of incoming calls, the tariffs range from Rs. 9.48 to Rs. 21.48 per minute depending upon the country from where the call originates.

In respect of outgoing international long distance calls, the tariff ranges from Rs. 7.20 to Rs. 19 per minute depending upon the country to which the call is destined.

In respect of national long distance call, the tariff is Rs. 2.99 per minute. This card presently provides capability of calling between metro cities.